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Local Switching Support

Local switching support (LSS) provides interstate assistance which is designed to reduce the high fixed switching costs for companies serving fewer than 50,000 lines. Prior to 1998, this support was known as Dial Equipment Minute, or DEM, weighting, and was recovered from interstate switched access charges. In 1998, DEM weighting was removed from local switching rates, established as local switching support, and made an explicit part of the high cost universal service support mechanism.

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Required data submissions

A cost company serving fewer than 50,000 lines must submit Form LSSc in order to qualify for local switching support. Visit [HC Forms](#) to view Form LSSc. An average schedule company serving fewer than 50,000 line must submit Form LSSa in order to qualify for local switching support. Visit [HC Forms](#) to view Form LSSa.

State certification requirement

In order for a rural carrier within a state to receive high cost support (including high cost loop, local switching support, or long term support), the appropriate state public utilities commission must file an annual certification with the FCC and USAC. The certification must state that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers within the state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The certification must also reference CC Docket No. 96-45.

This certification requirement for rural carriers was adopted in the FCC's Rural Task Force Order, and the first certification is due on October 1, 2001. If a state fails to certify a carrier, that carrier will not be eligible to receive high cost support in the first quarter of 2002. For more information about the new state certification requirement for rural carriers, please see [RTF Implementation](#).

Certification filing deadlines

The certification deadlines are as follows:

- Certifications filed on or before October 1: carriers eligible for support for all four quarters of the succeeding year
- Certifications filed on or before January 1: carriers eligible for support for the 2d, 3d, and 4th quarters



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- Certification filed on or before April 1: carriers eligible for support for the 3d and 4th quarters
- Certifications filed on or before July 1: carriers eligible for support for the 4th quarter
- Certifications filed after July 1: carriers not eligible for support in the current year.

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High Cost Forms

The following forms collect data necessary for USAC to administer the High Cost Support Mechanism. Additional USAC forms can be found below.

Forms are available in two formats:

- ▶ Adobe Acrobat
- ▶ MS Excel

High Cost Forms**LSSc**

Local Switching Support Reporting Worksheet for Cost Companies

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LSSa

Local Switching Support Reporting Worksheet for Average Schedule Companies

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Form 507

Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism Line Count Report

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ICLS Projected Annual Common Line Revenue Requirement

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ICLS Annual Common Line Actual Cost Data Collection

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Interstate Access Support Annual Certification sample letter

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Interstate Common Line Support sample letter

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Quarterly Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet

Complete 499-Q Online or



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 91kb**Additional Resources:**

- [Contributor Companies Helpful Hints](#)
- [FCC Methodology Calculation Example](#)

Form 499-A

Annual Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet

Due Date: April 1, 2004**Complete 499-A Online or**Download Form:  241kbDownload Instructions:  172kb**Additional Resources:**


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Form 498

Service Provider Information Form

Complete Form 498 Online

or

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EXHIBIT 8

LOCAL SWITCHING SUPPORT
DATA COLLECTION FORM
AVERAGE SCHEDULE COMPANY

Approved by OMB
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Ave. Burden Estimate per Respondent: 24 Hours

(010) Exchange Carrier Study Area Code. (010) _____

(020) Exchange Carrier Study Area Name (020) _____

(023) Data Period (023) _____

(025) Submission Period (Check One) Original Projection ☐ True-up to Actual ☐

(030) Contact Name: Person USAC should contact
for questions about this data (030) _____

(040) Contact Telephone Number:
Number of the person identified in Data Line (030). (040) _____

II. WORKING LOOPS, EXCHANGES & ACCESS MINUTES

(050) Access Lines (050) _____

(060) Exchanges (060) _____

(070) Access Minutes (070) _____

Note: Definitions are from the NECA Average Schedule Pool Administration Procedures Glossary:

Access Line: end of period count of all working communication facilities extending from an end user's premises terminating in an end office (Class 5) that are or may be used for local exchange service.

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EXHIBIT 9

**Local Switching Support
Instructions for 2002 Support Calculation**

Approved by OMB
3060-0814

Ave. Burden Estimate per Respondent: 24 Hours

NOTICE: The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Each incumbent local exchange carrier that is not a member of the NECA Traffic Sensitive tariff, that has been designated an eligible telecommunications carrier, and that serves a study area with 50,000 or fewer access lines shall, for each study area, provide the Administrator with the projected total unseparated dollar amount assigned to each account in 47 C.F.R. § 54.301(b). The data collected here will be used by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to calculate each carrier's local switching support, consistent with section 54.301 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.301. Your response is mandatory.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information to determine whether approving this form is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of an FCC statute, regulation, rule, or order, your form may be referred to the federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party in a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you do not provide the information requested on the form, your form may be returned without action or your form may be delayed.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 24 hours for each respondent. Our estimate includes the time to read this data request, review existing records, gather and maintain required data, and complete and review the response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the reporting burden, to the Federal Communications Commission, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE WORKSHEET

Purpose-

The data requested herein provides the basis for determining the Local Switching Support amount for 2002 in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.301(3)(b)-(d). This section of the rules states that the Local Switching Support for 2002 will equal the difference between the weighted and

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unweighted 1996 Dial Equipment Minutes (DEM) factor multiplied by the carriers unseparated local switching revenue requirement.

General Instructions-

Please enter the six digit NECA Study Area Code on Data Line (010), the Study Area Name on Data Line (020), Data Period on Data Line (023), Submission Period on Data Line (025), Contact Name on Data Line (030) and Contact Telephone Number Data Line (040). Beginning with Data Line (060), enter the projected amounts for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2002, in the spaces provided.

A mechanized Local Switching Support Calculation System will not be available for direct, online use in entry of your company's data. The data collection form with imbedded calculations is available as an Excel 97 spreadsheet from the USAC website at: www.universalservice.org.

Return the completed form(s) via email, fax or mail not later than October 1, 2001, to:

Email: hcfilings@hcli.universalservice.org

Phone/Fax: (877)877-4925 / (866) 873(USF)-4666

Mail: USAC
444 Hoes Lane
RRC 4A1060
Piscataway, NJ 08854

In addition to submission of the data, completion of a Certification statement, included as the last page of the Data Form, is required. It must be signed by the officer or employee responsible for the overall preparation of the data submission. The certification should be included with your data submission.

Each line on the Data Collection Form includes a Data Line reference number; a description of the information being requested; a duplicate Data Line reference number; an Enter 2002 Amount space. For example:

<u>Data Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Data Line</u>	<u>Enter 2002 Amount</u>
(110)	Account 2210 - Central Office Switching Equipment	(110)	_____

The Data Line descriptions included in these Instructions follow a similar format. DATA LINE numbers and descriptions are given followed by a brief explanation of the type and often the possible source of the data to be entered. Reference to applicable parts of FCC rules are provided in brackets. For example:

<u>Data Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>

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(110) Account 2210 - Central Office Switching Equipment
[Part 32.2210]

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For questions about this data collection, call 973-884-8334.

DATA REQUIREMENTS

Data required for this submission must be projected unseparated regulated amounts, i.e., state and interstate, as of the end-of-period for calendar year 2002 and must be in accordance with FCC Rules. Revisions will be required when finalized actual data is available.

Data must be representative of the regulated telephone operations only, as authorized by the FCC, for the 12-month Data Collection Period for which it is being submitted (i.e., calendar year 2002 projection). Investment, expenses, taxes, benefits and rents, etc., associated with non-regulated operations and costs associated with plant leased to other entities must be excluded. The non-regulated portion of accounts used for both regulated and non-regulated activity, e.g., motor vehicles, plant maintenance, benefits and rents, etc., must be excluded.

Calendar year 1996 cost study must be used for developing weighted and unweighted DEM factors for Local Switching Support purposes.

RECONCILIATION REQUIREMENTS

The FCC and the Administrator will require additional information reconciling the projected data provided herein to corresponding financial data when it becomes available (i.e., finalized financial records, ARMIS reports, etc.) for all study areas receiving Local Switching Support. This information must be provided within 12 months of the end of the data period, but not later than December 31, 2003.

This reconciliation is intended to ensure that support amounts provided by the Universal Service programs are consistent with the actual support requirements of the carriers.

AVERAGE NET INVESTMENT

FCC Rules require net investment be calculated for the current and prior periods by the submission of end-of-period data for each year. These amounts are then summed and divided by two to obtain average net investment, which is then used to determine local switching support.

This worksheet estimates Average Net Investment by setting Current Period Net Investment equal to Prior Period Net Investment. A more precise estimate may be obtained by entering a value for Prior Period Net Investment in the worksheet. USAC will determine Average Net Investment through use of values entered in this worksheet for Current Period Net Investment and amounts stored in the LSS database for your study area from last year's data collection for Prior Period Net Investment.

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I. EXCHANGE CARRIER/DATA IDENTIFICATION

These Data Lines contain pre-printed information about your company and the Data Period. Please verify and correct if necessary.

- (010) Exchange Carrier Study Area Code.
- (020) Exchange Carrier Study Area Name
- (023) Data Period: For 2002 Local Switching Support, enter 2002
- (025) Submission Period: Check the appropriate Box (i.e., Original Projection if this is projected data or True-up to Actual if the submission is being made to report actual results for a prior period Local Switching Support amount.)
- (030) Contact Name: Person USAC should contact for questions about this data.
- (040) Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in Data Line (030).
- (045) Tax Status: If company is subject to Federal Income taxes, indicate with a 'Y'. If company is a cooperative or other entity not subject to Federal Income Taxes indicate with an 'N'.

II. WORKING LOOPS & DIAL EQUIPMENT MINUTE FACTOR

Working loops reported for Local Switching Support must be a projected count as of December 31, 2002, i.e., the same number that would be reported on line 070 of NECA=s Annual USF Data Collection. Do not use average number of loops from cost studies, access line counts, presubscribed line counts or estimates.

- (050) Category 1.3 Loops: Enter the count of Category 1.3 Loops excluding Category 1.3 TWX (Teletypewriter Exchange service) loops.
[Part 36.154 (a)]
- (060) 1996 Interstate Unweighted Dial Equipment Minute (DEM) Factor used in 1996 Cost Study
[Part 36.125(b)]
- (070) 1996 DEM Weighting Factor
[Part 36.125(f)]

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II. INVESTMENT, PLANT OPERATIONS EXPENSE AND TAXES

Net Plant Investment

- (100) Account 2001 - Telecommunication Plant in Service
[Part 32.2001]
- (110) Account 2210 - Central Office Switching Equipment
[Part 32.2210]
- (115) Account 2210 Cat. 3 - COE Category 3 (local switching)
Determine from a study of switching equipment investment, the portion of Central Office Switching Equipment associated with COE Category 3, Local Switching.
- (120) Account 2220 - Operator System Equipment
[Part 32.2220]
- (130) Account 2230 - Central Office Transmission Equipment
[Part 32.2230]
- (140) Total Central Office Equipment
Sum of Data Lines (110) plus (120) plus (130)
- (150) Account 2310 - Information Origination/Termination
[Part 32.2310]
- (160) Account 2410 - Cable and Wire Facilities
[Part 32.2410]
- (170) Account 2110 - General Support Facilities
[Part 32.2110]
- (180) Account 2680 - Amortizable Tangible Assets
[Part 32.2680]
- (190) Account 2690 - Intangibles
[Part 32.2690]
- (200) Account 2002 - Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use
[Part 32.2002]
- (210) Account 2003 - Telecommunications Plant Under Construction
[Part 32.2003]
- (220) Account 2005 - Telecommunications Plant Adjustment
[Part 32.2005]

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- (230) Account 1402 - Investments in non-Affiliated Companies (Rural Telephone Bank Stock)
[Part 32.1402]
- (240) Account 1220 - Materials and Supplies
[Part 32.1220]
- (250) Cash Working Capital
[Part 36.182]
- (260) Account 3100 - Accumulated Depreciation - Switching
[Part 32.3100]
Determine the portion of Account 3100 that is attributable to Switching Equipment
- (265) Account 3100 - Accumulated Depreciation - Support Assets
[Part 32.3100]
Determine the portion of Account 3100 that is attributable to Support Assets
- (270) Account 4100 - Net Deferred Operating Income Taxes
[Part 32.4100]
- (280) Account 4340 - Net Noncurrent Operating Income Taxes
[Account 32.4340]
- (290) Account 3400 - Accumulated Amortization - Tangible
[Account 32.3400]
- (300) Account 3500 - Accumulated Amortization - Intangible
[Account 32.3500]
- (310) Account 3600 - Accumulated Amortization - Other
[Account 32.3500]
- (320) Account 6110 - Network Support Expense
[Account 32.6110]
- (330) Account 6120 - General Support Expense
[Account 32.6120]
- (340) Account 6210 - Central Office Switching Expense
[Account 32.6210]
- (350) Account 6220 - Operator Systems Expense
[Account 32.6220]

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- (360) Account 6230 - Central Office Transmission Expense
[Account 32.6230]
- (361) Account 6310 - Information Origination/Termination Expense
[Account 32.6310]
- (362) Account 6410 - Cable and Wire Facilities Expense
[Account 32.6410]
- (370) Account 6510 - Other Property Plant and Equipment Expense
[Account 32.6510]
- (380) Account 6530 - Network Operations Expense
[Account 32.6530]
- (381) Account 6540 - Access Expense
[Account 32.6540]
- (390) Account 6610 - Customer Services Marketing Expense
[Account 32.6610]
- (400) Account 6620 - Customer Operations Services Expense
[Part 32.6620]
- (410) Account 6710 - Executive and Planning Expense
[Part 32.6710]
- (420) Account 6720 - Corporate Operations Expense
[Part 32.6720]
- (430) Account 7230 - Operating State and Local Income Taxes
[Part 32.7230]
- (440) Account 7240 - Operating Other Taxes
[Part 32.7240]
- (450) Account 7210 - Operating Investment Tax Credits - net
[Part 32.7210]
- (460) Account 7250 - Provision for Deferred Operating Income Taxes -net
[Part 32.7250]
- (470) Account 6560 - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Switching
[Part 32.6560]
Determine the portion of Account 6560 attributable to switching

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- (475) Account 6560 - Depreciation and Amortization Expense - Support
[Part 32.6560]
Determine the portion of Account 6560 attributable to support facilities

- (480) Account 7300 - Non-Operating Income & Expense
[Part 32.7300]

- (490) Account 7500 - Interest and Related Items
[Part 32.7500]

- (500) Account 7340 - Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
[Part 32.7340]

- (510) Account 1410 - Other Non-current Assets
[Part 32.1410]

- (520) Account 1500 - Other Jurisdictional Assets - net
[Part 32.1500]

- (530) Account 4370 - Other Jurisdictional Liabilities and Deferred Credits - net
[Part 32.4370]

- (540) Account 4040 - Customer Deposits
[Part 32.4040]

- (550) Account 4310 - Other Long-Term Liabilities
[Part 32.4310]

- (560) Account 1438 - Deferred Maintenance and Retirements
[Part 32.1438]

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VII. CERTIFICATION

This certification statement must be signed by the officer or employee responsible for the overall preparation of the data submission. (Ref. Part 54 of FCC Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 54.707).

The completed certification statement must accompany the data submission.

CERTIFICATION

I am _____ I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for
(Title of Certifying Officer or Employee)
the preparation of all data in the attached _____ data submission
(Title of Data Submission)
for _____ and that I am authorized to execute this certification. Based
(Name of Carrier)
on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of
the data in this submission, I hereby certify that the data have been examined and reviewed and
are complete, accurate, and consistent with the rules of the Federal Communications
Commission.

Date: _____

Certifying Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Period Covered: January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

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New tool for competitive carriers that receive Forward-Looking High Cost Model Support! (9/23/03)

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A new tool is now available for competitive carriers that receive Forward-Looking High Cost Model Support. This tool will enable you to utilize various search methods to locate the correct ILEC wire center CLLI and other related information. It can be found under the Tools section of High Cost.

Quick link to [HCM Tool](#)

Incumbent Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) Serving Study Areas with 50,000 or Fewer Access Lines Must File Projections for Local Switching Support (LSS) No Later Than October 1, 2003 to Receive LSS in Calendar Year 2004. (9/12/03)

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You must submit the data necessary to determine your projected local switching support revenue requirement on an OMB approved LSS form, which can be found in the [Forms Section](#) of the USAC web site. If you are an average schedule company, you should complete LSS Form A. If you are a cost company, you should complete LSS Form C. Whether you are an average schedule or a cost company, you may submit your Local Switching Form to USAC in one of three (3) ways:

Email: [Local Switching Support](#)
FAX: 973-560-4441
US Mail: Manager - High Cost (S-2081)
 Universal Service Administrative Company
 80 South Jefferson Street
 Whippany, NJ 07981


If the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) files your LSS data on your behalf, NECA must submit the same data as required on the LSS forms. In addition, NECA must file your data with USAC no later than October 1, 2003.

Your LSS projections must be received by USAC **no later than October 1, 2003** for LSS eligibility in calendar year 2004. If your LSS projections are not timely filed, you will

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2004. If your LSS projections are not timely filed, you will not be eligible to receive LSS in 2004, absent a waiver from the FCC.

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AVERAGE SCHEDULE COMPANY

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Avg. Burden Estimate per Respondent: 24 Hours

(010) Exchange Carrier Study Area Code.

(010) 39-11657

(020) Exchange Carrier Study Area Name

(020) Alliance Communications - Sidetrack

(023) Data Period

(023) 2004

(025) Submission Period (Check One)

Original Projection ☒ True-up to Actual ☐

(030) Contact Name: Person USAC should contact
for questions about this data

(030) Linda Biener

(040) Contact Telephone Number:
Number of the person identified in Data Line (030).

(040) (1005) 594-8233

II. WORKING LOOPS, EXCHANGES & ACCESS MINUTES

(050) Access Lines

(050) 6990

(060) Exchanges

(060) 5

(070) Access Minutes

(070) 20,800,000

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LOCAL SWITCHING SUPPORT
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AVERAGE SCHEDULE COMPANY

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Ave. Burden Estimate per Respondent: 24 Hours

(010) Exchange Carrier Study Area Code.

(010) 39-1642

(020) Exchange Carrier Study Area Name

(020) Alliance Communications - Baltic

(023) Data Period

(023) 2004

(025) Submission Period (Check One)

Original Projection ☒ True-up to Actual ☐

(030) Contact Name: Person USAC should contact
for questions about this data

(030) Linda Biewer

(040) Contact Telephone Number:
Number of the person identified in Data Line (030).

(040) (605) 594-8233

II. WORKING LOOPS, EXCHANGES & ACCESS MINUTES

(050) Access Lines

(050) 3118

(060) Exchanges

(060) 5

(070) Access Minutes

(070) 10,410,000

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EXHIBIT 13

LOCAL SWITCHING SUPPORT
DATA COLLECTION FORM
AVERAGE SCHEDULE COMPANY

Approved by OMB
3060-0814

Ave. Burden Estimate per Respondent: 24 Hours

(010) Exchange Carrier Study Area Code. (010) 35-1405
(020) Exchange Carrier Study Area Name (020) Hills Tele Co - IA
(023) Data Period (023) 2004
(025) Submission Period (Check One) Original Projection ☒ True-up to Actual ☐
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(050) Access Lines (050) 2155
(060) Exchanges (060) 7
(070) Access Minutes (070) 9,435,000

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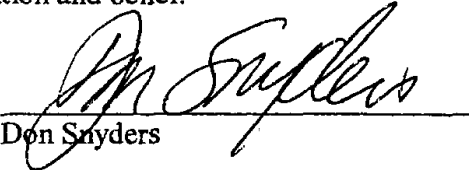
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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, Don Snyders, under penalty of perjury, hereby state as follows:

1. I am the General Manager of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., and the General Manager of Hills Telephone Company, Inc.
2. I am familiar with the "Petition for Expedited Waiver or Release of Local Switching Support" which has been prepared on behalf of Alliance and Hills for filing with the Federal Communications Commission.
3. The facts and representations in that Petition regarding Alliance and Hills are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Don Snyders

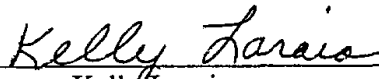
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelly Laraia, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **"Petition for Expedited Waiver or Release of Local Switching Support"** was served by first class U.S. mail or hand delivery* this 20th day of May, 2004, to the persons listed below.

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